using observation at a nearby or upstream station through linear regression. However, there is no specific mention in the paper about extent of variation in the flow of river Ganga.

The analysis of available data at important sites by Central Water Commission do not indicate any significant trend about change in flow pattern of river Ganga.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Kishanganga Project

3643. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan have begun bilateral talks on Kishanganga project through the joint water commission;

(b) whether it is a fact that differences continue among Pakistan officials over India's position on the project; and

(c) whether there is any possibility of these differences being resolved in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) The Kishanganga HE project, as run of the river hydroelectric project, has been discussed in the 99th, 100th, 101st and 103rd meetings of the Permanent Indus Commission held in May/June 2007, May/June 2008, July 2008 and May/June 2009 respectively.

(b) and (c) Pakistan is of the view that differences/disputes over the project have arisen and need to be resolved under the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 relating to the Settlement of Differences and Disputes. India has fully explained the compliance of the project with the provisions of the Treaty and has therefore affirmed that the stage of differences/disputes has not arisen and the issues can be further discussed at Commission level.

The Treaty provides for the settlement of issues at Permanent Indus Commission level or at Government level by mutual agreement or, through a Neutral Expert and /or Negotiators/Court of Arbitration and the resolution of the issues is contingent upon either of these.

National Rivers

†3644. SHRI Y. P. TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.